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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch  
Transportation Committee Public Hearing  
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**H.B. 5366, An Act Concerning Revisions to the Motor Vehicle Statutes**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch concerning **H.B. 5366, *An Act Concerning Revisions to the Motor Vehicle Statutes***. Section 6 (b) of the bill provides that "the commissioner shall not suspend the operator's license of any person solely for failure to pay any fines, fees or other charges associated with an infraction involving the use of a motor vehicle." While we take no position on this policy, we wanted to point out one possible unintended consequence of the proposed language. There are many cases where an individual pleads guilty to a motor vehicle infraction, is ordered to pay a fine, and then is given another court date in which to pay by. When the person does not pay, the court issues an order pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 14-140 and the Department of Motor Vehicles is notified. This results in a suspended license if the fine is not paid within a certain time. Without such a consequence, thousands of fines may sit unpaid in perpetuity.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.